

NEW RADNOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

RADNORSHIRE

JOINT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1971



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(including Parish they represent)

AND

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Medical Officer of Health - Dr. R.H. Jobson, M.B.,Ch.B.,

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector - L. Allen, M.A.P.H.I.

To the Chairman and Members of the New Radnor Rural District Council,
Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1971 together with the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

I would like to thank Mr. Allen for his help and cooperation during the year.

Richard H. Jobson, M.B., Ch.B.,
Medical Officer of Health.

The Laurels,
New Radnor.

1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	51,892
Estimated population	1,720
Number of houses	657
Rateable Value (as at 1.4.71)	£38,262
Sum represented by a 1p rate	£345.60

2. VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(a) Live Births (legitimate)	18	7	11
" " (illegitimate)	4	-	4
	<u>22</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>
Still births (legitimate)	NIL	NIL	NIL
" " (illegitimate)	NIL	NIL	NIL

(b) Infant Mortality

(i) Death of infants under 1 year	-	1
(ii) " " " " 4 weeks	-	NIL
(iii) " " " " 1 week	-	NIL

(c) <u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B 19 (1) Malignant Neoplasm - Buccal Cavity, etc	1	1	-
B 19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	1	-	1
B 19 (6) " " - Lung, Bronchus	1	1	-
B 19 (7) " " - Breast	1	-	1
B 19 (8) " " - Uterus	1	-	1
B 19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	-	1
B 27 Hypertensive Disease	2	-	2
B 28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	8	5	3
B 29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	1	-	1
B 30 Cerebrovascular Disease	7	1	6
B 32 Pneumonia	1	1	-
B 38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	-
DEATHS - ALL AGES	<u>26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>

3. INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The district has remained comparatively free from infectious and other diseases during the year under review.

4. TUBERCULOSIS

The County Medical Officer deals with all aspects of this disease.

5. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

The County Council is the responsible Authority for the execution of this Act.

Laboratory Facilities - These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford and the Public Analyst's Laboratory at Carmarthen.

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Assets	Liabilities	Equity	Assets	Liabilities
1. Cash	1. Accounts payable	1. Common stock	1. Cash	1. Accounts payable
2. Accounts receivable	2. Notes payable	2. Retained earnings	2. Accounts receivable	2. Notes payable
3. Inventory	3. Long-term debt	3. Dividends paid	3. Inventory	3. Long-term debt
4. Prepaid expenses	4. Deferred taxes	4. Accumulated depreciation	4. Prepaid expenses	4. Deferred taxes
5. Other assets	5. Other liabilities	5. Other equity	5. Other assets	5. Other liabilities
6. Total assets	6. Total liabilities	6. Total equity	6. Total assets	6. Total liabilities
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To the Chairman and Members of New Radnor Rural District Council.

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I beg to present my part of this Joint Annual report for the year 1971.

This year saw the commencement of the first comprehensive scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal at the village of New Radnor, a scheme which, as already stated, will lead to further residential development in the village.

It is pleasing to notice that the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board is continuing to extend their mains throughout the rural area bringing a safe and ample supply of water to cottages that would otherwise be left to go derelict. It is hoped that this policy will continue in spite of the small monetary return for every mile of pipe laid.

With the increased grants now available for improving dwellings in the area, attention is being turned to some dwellings on which closing orders have been made, and proposals are being submitted to bring these buildings up to present day standards with grant aid. These buildings would otherwise have been totally lost to the countryside and be derelict eyesores. It is, however, unfortunate that so many of these dwellings are being used as second or holiday homes only, whilst younger local people are unable to find satisfactory housing accommodation.

L. Allen, M.A.P.H.I.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

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6. WATER SUPPLIES

Quality - Below are the results of bacteriological sampling of water supplies throughout the district:-

SUPPLY	TREATMENT	NO. OF SAMPLES		
		taken	satisfactory	unsatisfactory
New Radnor & district	Filtration & Chlorination	15	15	-
Llandegley	"	1	1	-
Newchurch	"	2	2	-
Franksbridge	"	1	1	-
Gladestry	Chlorination	5	4	1
Evenjobb	"	4	3	1
Private Supplies	NIL	4	-	4
TOTALS		32	26	6

Numerous complaints were received from consumers in the Gladestry area regarding the "over chlorination" of this water supply causing discomfort to some of the inhabitants. Upon investigation by the Water Board it was confirmed that only the minimum quantity of chlorine was being introduced into this supply to ensure safe water supply to consumers.

Quantity - Mains water schemes installed in the area have provided an adequate supply of water. There are still, however, isolated areas in the district where private supplies go low or even dry up during a comparatively dry year similar to the one under review.

7. DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

New Radnor - The new scheme for the sewerage and sewage treatment works at New Radnor has commenced, and work on same is proceeding satisfactorily. Within the next twelve months or so the drainage needs of New Radnor village will be adequate.

Old Radnor - The new sewage disposal plant was installed and in operation to take effluent from new and existing Council houses and any other dwellings physically able to connect to the sewerage system.

Llandegley, Gladestry and Evenjobb - These three small plants receiving effluent mainly from council housing estates continued to function satisfactorily.

Penybont area in parish of Llandegley - This village sitting astride our boundary with Rhayader R.D.C., and alongside one bank of the River Ithon creates drainage problems due to the fact that ground is of a heavy clay nature and soakaways from septic tanks cannot function as they should, causing nuisance to neighbours and the surrounding countryside and river. A joint sewerage scheme, with Rhayader R.D.C., was considered for this area, and in order to remedy existing unsatisfactory conditions, this scheme should be proceeded with.

8. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of household refuse continues to be carried out by contract and disposal is by means of controlled tipping on three separate refuse tips. A twice monthly collection is made throughout the district. Whilst this is considered adequate, requests have been received for an additional collection from the public houses in the area. Arrangements have however been made for these premises to get rid of their refuse more frequently. Confusion is very occasionally caused when there is a three week space between collections.

Two unsatisfactory conditions continue with the present system of collection and disposal of household refuse, viz:- (1) open lorry continues to be used for collection of refuse (although contractor does cover his load during extremely windy weather) and (2) difficulty is experienced in obtaining adequate soil to satisfactorily cover the face of refuse tips.

9. CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

The Council continue to meet their obligations under this Act and in particular several motor car bodies have been disposed of on the refuse tips. The Council have agreed that providing car body has been cut up, it can be placed over tip face free of charge.

10. HOUSING

Further improvements have continued to be carried out to dwellings in the area mainly with the aid of housing improvement grants.

Housing Survey - Below is a revised list showing present standard of fitness of houses in the district:-

No. of houses	Categories		
	1 & 2	3	4 & 5
657	405	204	48

10. HOUSING - CONTINUED

Private Building - The erection of one new house was completed during the year. There were six houses under construction at the end of the year.

Council houses - Total number of houses owned by Council is now 46 - all three bedroom dwellings. With the exception of two dwellings they are all brought up to the "5 point" standard of fitness.

Gladestry - The Council have instructed their Architect to prepare a scheme for the erection of one or two bedroom dwellings in this village. Site is very restricted and will only allow for the erection of two two bedroom dwellings or possibly three single bedroom units.

Evenjobb - In conjunction with the Social Services Department of Radnorshire County Council, adaptations have been carried out to two Council houses to accommodate handicapped persons, it had been agreed to carry out extensive alterations (including extension) to a third house.

General - A terrace of 10 substandard dwellings were purchased by the Council. Four of these dwellings are occupied - two by aged people and two by families. It is their intention to convert this terrace into four large (4 bedroom) dwellings and two small (2 bedroom) dwellings with grant aid. The new larger dwellings could then be used for housing larger families in the area.

Several of the Council's existing dwellings are under occupied. They have considered obtaining ground in the New Radnor area on which to erect Old Peoples dwellings, and if possible rehouse some of their existing tenants.

Improvement Grants - Below are figures comparing number of grants approved with those for previous years:-

Discretionary

Year	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
No. of applications approved	2	2	3	9	11
Amount of grant approved	£735	£800	£1210	£5599	£12760

Standard

Year	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
No. of applications approved	9	10	16	7	8

1968 - This figure includes 4 Council houses.

1969 - This figure includes 7 Council houses.

With the advent of the 75%, and in order to speed up the procedure for approving grant applications, the Council agreed to dispense with their requirement that at least two estimates be submitted with each application and agreed to accept one estimate only.

11. SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming pools in the district, but there is a learner swimming pool sited in the grounds of Franksbridge School and comes under the jurisdiction of the Radnorshire County Council.

12. CARAVAN SITES

At the present time there are five holiday caravan sites in the area catering for up to 12 caravans each. These are all well maintained.

In addition there are 10 other caravan sites, 3 of which are occupied as permanent homes.

13. RODENT CONTROL

The Council continue to make free poison bait available for treatment to domestic premises. Farm premises carry out treatments directly themselves or through private operators by contract. Once again the main source of infestation in the district was the Council's refuse tips - but these were promptly and successfully dealt with.

14. FOOD PREMISES AND FOOD INSPECTION

Food Premises - These premises are summarised as follows:-

Cafe	- 1
Butchers Shop	- 1
Bakery	- 1
Grocery Stores	- 8
Public Houses	- 8
School Canteens	- 6
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TOTAL	25
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All of the public houses provide meals and have provision for outside catering.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 Section 16

No. of premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream	- 13
No. of premises registered for the preparation and sale of sausages	- <u>1</u>
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TOTAL	14
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These premises are visited on an average twice a year either directly or in conjunction with visits for other purposes.

Meat Inspection - There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

Milk Supply - All premises in the district are occupied by producer/wholesalers and come under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Food Hygiene (Markets Stalls & Delivery vehicles) Regulations 1966

Mobile food vans - Inspections of vans operating in the area have been made, but to date these have been found to be satisfactory.

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15. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Premises	No. on register	No. of inspections
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	4	4
Factories not included above in which section 7 is enforced by L.A.	8	5
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	3	3
TOTAL	15	12

16. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Additional applications for registration of premises have been received, following a change in ownership of these premises.

Registration and General Inspections

<u>Type of workplace</u>	<u>No. of premises Registered</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>		<u>No. of Inspections</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Offices	1	2	-	-
Retail Shops	3	3	4	2
Catering establishments open to public	4	5	6	4
TOTALS	8	10	10	6

17. AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT 1956

Visits were made to ascertain conditions prevailing in the area. All premises visited were satisfactory. From a list of premises received from the Ministry of Agriculture listing farm premises that have employed outside labour in the past, there is a noticeable drop in the number of people employed on these farms and in a lot of cases farming has become a "family business".

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1	1	Specimen of white limestone
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8	8	8	8	Specimen of white limestone
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